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### A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the state child care assistance eligibility  
2 requirements and provider reimbursement rates.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1.   DIRECTIVE TO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
2 — CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE — FAMILY INCOME ELIGIBILITY  
3 REQUIREMENTS.

4     1.   The department of human services shall amend its  
5 administrative rules pursuant to chapter 17A to provide income  
6 eligibility for state child care assistance, according to  
7 family size for children needing basic care, to families whose  
8 nonexempt gross monthly income does not exceed the following  
9 amounts according to the following schedule:

10    a.   One hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level,  
11 effective July 1, 2022.

12    b.   One hundred sixty percent of the federal poverty level,  
13 effective July 1, 2023.

14    c.   One hundred seventy percent of the federal poverty level,  
15 effective July 1, 2024.

16    d.   One hundred eighty percent of the federal poverty level,  
17 effective July 1, 2025.

18    e.   One hundred ninety percent of the federal poverty level,  
19 effective July 1, 2026.

20    f.   Two hundred percent of the federal poverty level,  
21 effective July 1, 2027.

22    2.   The department of human services shall amend its  
23 administrative rules pursuant to chapter 17A to provide that  
24 child care assistance under the child care assistance plus exit  
25 eligibility program shall continue until a family's nonexempt  
26 gross monthly income exceeds two hundred fifty percent of the  
27 federal poverty level.

28    3.   For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, for child  
29 care providers reimbursed under the state child care assistance  
30 program, the department of human services shall set provider  
31 reimbursement rates based on the most recent market rate survey  
32 completed in 2021.

33    4.   EMERGENCY RULES.   The department of human services  
34 may adopt emergency rules under section 17A.4, subsection 3,  
35 and section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement

1 the provisions of this Act and the rules shall be effective  
2 immediately upon filing unless a later date is specified in the  
3 rules. Any rules adopted in accordance with this section shall  
4 also be published as a notice of intended action as provided  
5 in section 17A.4.

6 EXPLANATION

7 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
8 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

9 This bill relates to the state child care assistance income  
10 eligibility requirements for families and reimbursement rates  
11 for child care providers.

12 The state child care assistance program is administered by  
13 the department of human services (DHS). The bill directs DHS  
14 to amend its administrative rules to provide income eligibility  
15 for state child care assistance, according to family size for  
16 children needing basic care, to families whose nonexempt gross  
17 monthly income does not exceed 150 percent of the federal  
18 poverty level, effective July 1, 2022; 160 percent of the  
19 federal poverty level, effective July 1, 2023; 170 percent of  
20 the federal poverty level, effective July 1, 2024; 180 percent  
21 of the federal poverty level, effective July 1, 2025; 190  
22 percent of the federal poverty level, effective July 1, 2026;  
23 and 200 percent of the federal poverty level, effective July 1,  
24 2027. The bill also directs DHS to amend its administrative  
25 rules to provide that eligibility for the child care assistance  
26 plus exit program shall continue until a family's nonexempt  
27 gross monthly income exceeds 250 percent of the federal poverty  
28 level.

29 The bill directs DHS, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
30 2022, to set reimbursement rates for child care providers under  
31 the state child care assistance program to rates based on the  
32 most recent market rate survey completed in 2021.